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PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN NO. PA 190-8-9

SUBJECT: TRAINING AND TOUR AT BIG FLATS PLANT MATERIALS CENTER

Purpose: To announce the opportunity to attend a Perennial Biofeedstock Tour with Speakers or Warm-Season Grass Training.

Targeted Audience. Employees requiring advanced understanding of biofeedstocks and employees with no prior Warm-Season Grass Training.

Background: There are two separate opportunities at the Big Flats Plant Materials Center in Big Flats, NY. For more experience planners on July 30, 2008, there will be a Perennial Biofeedstock Tour and discussion. During the tour, participants will observe establishment trials of warm and cool season grasses with different herbicides, seeding techniques and switchgrass inter-seeded with corn. You will be able to observe research plots of many warm season grasses as well as production fields. After the tour, guest speakers will discuss a full range of bio-fuel topics. This is a rare opportunity to hear these experts during one event. Participants are asked to bring \$5.00 to cover the cost of lunch and refreshments. Please see the attached invitation for further details. On July 31, 2008, a Warm-Season Grass Training will be held. This session is an introduction to understanding the difference between introduced cool-season grasses & native warm-season grasses and proper establishment techniques for native-warm season grasses, including drill calibration. This session is an opportunity for those who have not previously attended warm-season grass trainings. Please see the attached agenda for further details.

If you are interested in attending, please obtain approval from your supervisor for attendance and overnight travel, if needed. The Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations must approve all travel. Upon approval, you must RSVP for the events by calling 607-562-8404 or emailing [Julie DePue](mailto:julie.dupue@ny.usda.gov) (julie.dupue@ny.usda.gov). If you are emailing your intentions to attend the Warm-Season Grass Training, place the text DOT WSG in the subject line of your message.

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